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## CROSSFIELD NEWS

**CROSSFIELD.** — Miss Eunice Harrison left Tuesday for Winnipeg where she will go in training in a children's hospital.

Friends of Mrs. Will Anderson will be sorry to hear of her misfortune while at Sylvan Lake, when she fell and broke her leg in three places, and is now a patient in the Red Deer hospital. We wish her a speedy recovery.

Mr. and Mrs. Andrijs of Salmon Arm, B.C., are visitors at the home of Rev. and Mrs. Anderson. Mr. and Mrs. Art Westworth formerly of Crossfield, now of Cadomin, Alta., were renewing acquaintances in town this week.

Rev. and Mrs. McDonald and family returned home last week after spending a holiday at the lake.

Parents, remember that the United Church Sunday School opens on September 11 at 11 o'clock.

Mr. and Mrs. Donnie Stevens are away on holidays.

Tom Cummings left this week with two combines to assist with the combining in the south district.

Miss Bevy McGill entertained a few of her friends Saturday on the occasion of her eighth birthday.

A number of Crossfield people were seen at the Cumona Stampede last week.

Mr. Reg. Belshaw returned to Vancouver last week after spending a holiday with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. James Belshaw.

Mr. and Mrs. Vic Law and family have moved into town. Mr. Law is the new elevator man for the P. and H. Before coming to town Mr. Law had the P. and H. elevator at Nier.

Mr. Len Snyder is a patient in the hospital with an injured knee. Miss Enid McDonald of High River was a Crossfield visitor last Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. James Belshaw were Calgary visitors over the week-end.

Mr. L. MacDougall of Calgary was a visitor in town last Friday. Dr. Whillans left Thursday for Ontario where he will visit friends and relatives.

Miss Margaret and Irene Melchior of Edmonton arrived in Crossfield Tuesday to take up their positions as teachers at the local school.

Mr. and Mrs. W. C. Dunn and children of Red Deer were visitors at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Walter Harris for two days last week.

Mr. and Mrs. R. Dick of Edmonton were week-end visitors at the home of their daughter, Mrs. Jerry McGill.

Mr. and Mrs. D. Cameron, Margaret and Donna Vetter and Margaret Rowat were visitors at Pine Lake last Sunday. They returned with a nice catch of fish. Miss Enid Lind has accepted a position in the local telephone office.

Miss Vyriene Charleton returned home Sunday after spending a few days at Carstairs visiting her grandmother.

Miss Dilys McNaught and niece Isabelle who have been visiting at the Belshaw residence, left last week for their home at Lulu Island.

Mr. and Mrs. Hudson Hoover and family left Tuesday for Hoadley, Alta., where Hudson has accepted a position as teacher in one of the local schools.

Mr. and Mrs. H. A. Bannisters

and sons arrived home this week after spending a two week holiday in the States.

The first Monday in September being a holiday, the regular monthly meeting of the village council will be held on Tuesday, Sept. 6 at 8:30 p.m.

Mr. and Mrs. R. T. Dick of Edmonton spent last week-end visiting their daughter, Mrs. E. McGill, and assisted Beverly to celebrate her birthday on Sunday.

Hudson Hoover having accepted a position as teacher at Hoadley, moved his family and their effects to that point on Tuesday last.

Farrish and Heimbecker have commenced building a new house for their agent on the vacant lot next to the old house.

Mrs. Henry Rowney returned home on Saturday after spending ten days as a patient in the Holy Cross hospital at Calgary.

Mr. and Mrs. John Hatten of Bottrel spent Sunday at the home of the latter's parents, Mr. and Mrs. D. Ontkes.

Dr. D. W. Whillans left on Friday to spend a holiday in Ontario.

Jack Luman is back at his desk in the bank after being laid up for a while with a carbuncle on his neck.

Ed Meyers has returned home after spending the past two weeks visiting relatives in Montana.

Mrs. P. Lang of Avonmore, Ontario, spent a few days in town the guest of the McIntyre's.

The Bannister family returned home on Tuesday after spending their vacation touring the Western States.

## New School At Airdrie

**AIRDRIE.** — Work is progressing on building of the new Airdrie school, with new basement already under construction.

Falling far short of Sept. 1 date for opening of school it is nevertheless hoped that the new building will be ready for the second term, January 1, 1950.

School grades up to and including part of grade 12 will now be taught at Airdrie.

## IT DON'T PAY TO GIT SICK

Country people in the Edmonton district will think twice before they catch a communicable disease.

Last week, city council approved a boost to \$10 per day, for out-of-town patients in the isolation ward at the city-operated Royal Alexandra hospital.

Increase came about following consideration of differing rates between resident and out-of-town patients, and a council approach to the provincial cabinet on health services.

## Report Windsors To Visit Ranch

**NEW YORK.** — Paul Denis says in his "tell-tales" column in the Daily Compass that the Duke and Duchess of Windsor will visit their "E. P." ranch near Calgary this winter.

Denis says the couple mentioned the Canadian visit in a conversation with actor Clifton Webb in Paris. They might also make their first trip to Hollywood, at Webb's invitation.

In going through the Panama Canal one travels a little more than 50 miles.

## Adapting Western Methods of Farming in Ontario



In the U.S. and Canadian prairie lands, a wheat field of 1,000 acres is considered average size. In Ontario a 50-acre field is the most common division of property. In the west, gangs of men and specialized equipment sow, or harvest hundreds of acres of grain in a single day, then move on the next field. A prairie-trained farmer now living in a small Ontario farm thinks he can adapt western farm methods to Ontario and has rented 1,000 acres, spent \$25,000 in equipment and hopes to earn \$100,000 in a single year. It is the first time that a genuine attempt has been made to do farming in Eastern Canada on the same scale as in the west and there is a possibility that if the experiment succeeds, it will alter the entire farming habits of Ontario's rural dwellers. Prairie farmer Norman Taylor, right, is shown as he gives his orders for the day to the four farmers working the 1,000-acre plot. Taylor himself spends most of the time as business manager for a small-town village.

—Central Press Canadian

## Home & School Assn. To Meet Soon

**CROSSFIELD.** — With school days back again for the 1949-50 season, activities of Crossfield's active Home and School Association will again be in the news.

President of the organization is Frank Laut, vice-president, Mrs. Blake Stilling.

Mrs. Mumby is secretary and director of publicity is J. Belshaw.

With nearly 100 per cent coverage of the Crossfield district, the Crossfield Chronicle will publish free of charge news of this and any other community or church organization.

## Teaching Staff At Madden

W. M. McGuiness will be teacher of the Madden school for the 1949-50 term.

He will be assisted by Miss Jean Liddell who also will teach in Madden.

**RECENT VISITORS**  
Mr. and Mrs. Vair Anderson were recent visitors at the Massey Home in Crossfield. Mr. Anderson is principal of West Calgary school.

## Harvesting Now Under Way

**CROSSFIELD.** — Considerable swathing is in progress here in the district. It is reported that Fred Elhard has swathed and combined a field of barley, getting 30 bushels to the acre, which is undoubtedly an above-average yield for this year.

## Three Men Injured In Auto Accident

**ST. ALBERT.** — Henry Boll-court of St. Albert was one of three men injured in an automobile accident one and a half miles south of Morinville.

The others, who were taken to Royal Alexandra hospital for treatment, were C. W. Loper, 12714 113 street, and Emil Perault, 10230 154 street, Edmonton.

After the auto jumped a ditch, rolled over several times, crashed through a fence and ploughed 50 yards into a grain field, the three men were rushed to hospital, but authorities stated their injuries, while serious, were not critical. All three were apparently thrown clear.

One of the men was at least 100 yards away from the car when found; one was in a ditch 50 yards away; and the third near the car. All were unconscious. Main injuries were cuts about the head with all three.

The RCMP is investigating.

## Woman Drowned

**ALBERTA BEACH.** — Miss Ray Shewfelt, 23, of 10248 95 street, Edmonton, was drowned when she went week-end bathing at the beach.

Her body was recovered 10 hours later and was taken by the RCMP to Foster and McGarvey funeral home, Edmonton.

Witnesses said her body was found in about seven feet of water, not far from Castle Island, between Alberta Beach and Gunn. It is not known precisely how the drowning occurred.

Miss Shewfelt was an employee of a laundry in Edmonton and was at Alberta Beach on holiday.

## Youth Killed In Tractor Mishap

**CROSSFIELD.** — When he was plowing with a tractor when it went off the road, Duane Gebers, 16, Didsbury district farmer's son, was instantly killed.

Gebers tried to jump clear but was caught under the machine. Apparently the machine struck a soft shoulder near the edge of the road, about nine and a half miles east of Didsbury.

Jack Hooper and Pal Kjar of Calgary, employees of Calgary Power Company, saw the accident occur. They tried to give assistance but were unable to move the tractor until a neighboring farmer brought another tractor.

Dr. H. W. Epp, coroner, stated no inquest would be held. RCMP at Olds investigated the accident.

Duane Gebers was the son of Arthur Gebers, well-known district farmer.

## Former Exshaw Couple at Crossfield

Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Skochelas took up residence in Crossfield recently when Mr. Skochelas was appointed section foreman on the C.P.R.

They were at Exshaw since 1945 but previous to that time were stationed at Madden.

Their daughter Julian, is attending Crossfield school this term.

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## RIGHT SERMON, WRONG TEXT

For some time school divisions and the provincial government have both been aware anomalies existed in payment of school grants.

In announcing the payment system would be changed, the government instituted a 10 per cent cut in that portion of the equalization grant earned during 1948.

With typical editorial discernment, The Edmonton Bulletin jumped to the conclusion that this would mean reduction in teachers' salaries. Compared to their services to society, the average teacher is shamefully underpaid, and if it were the Bulletin's intention to emphasize this fact, it took the wrong text for its sermon.

If The Bulletin does not believe this, let it produce a school division which will state publicly any teacher's salary will have to be reduced as a direct result of the equalization grant cut. In fact, as the Deputy Minister of Education pointed out in his letter to school divisions announcing the changes, in 1949 actual cash payments will be in excess of 1948.

The equalization grant is based on the total number of rooms in use in relation to assessment. In the past, grants were paid at the end of the term, when it was not possible to determine what part of the grant actually had been earned.

The whole system of grants was based on estimate rather than actual expenditure.

The result was overpayment in some cases, and in others, a backlog, which in 1948 amounted to about one and one-half million dollars. Now the government has decided to pay up the backlog and to make payments quarterly on the basis of actual expenditure.

Let us take a concrete example as illustration. "K" School Division this year has an estimate of \$74,000 and \$26,000 backlog. Under the previous system it would receive payments as if its current expenditure was \$100,000.

With the backlog of \$26,000 paid up, and with the government paying its share of actual expenses—whether up or down—the true financial position of the division becomes more apparent, and it imposes no penalty on school operation, as The Bulletin would like to imply, but means more equitable distribution of grants according to need.

Most, if not all school divisions will approve the change in method of paying grants.

Misfortune for the teaching profession is that their salaries have to be paid in advance. Often these who pretend to sympathize most complain loudest when taxes are raised. But if there were any threat to the underpaid teacher we would certainly join the chorus.

If we sing with the choir, however, we at least like to know we are in the right church.

## IT OCCURS TOO OFTEN

Alberta Department of Public Works cannot be held accountable for an act of God, and no will lay at their door the cloudburst which visited the Plamondon area last Saturday.

They are also to be commended for putting in a new culvert about a mile-and-one-half south of Plamondon Corner. Possibly they did expect to have the work completed before the week-end, and even the weather bureau would not have helped them much in expecting such a severe storm would interrupt the work.

Granted, it is also necessary often for detours when work on the road is being done.

We will concede them every excuse possible and still it is not understandable that they would impose a 15-mile extra detour on traffic between Lac la Biche and Edmonton over virtually impassable roads. Even under ordinary conditions, it seems an imposition. Under conditions which obtained over the week-end, it was a hardship and a hazard.

A temporary passage could have been fairly easily constructed over the creek to avoid such a long detour over very bad roads, even at the best of times. Why something was not done when it became apparent that an emergency had arisen is something only the Works Department may answer.

The government is doing considerable work on roads. Not as much as some persons would wish to see done—but still considerable.

It is this attitude that if work is to be done the traffic can just get out of the way—"the public be damned"—which we are deploring.

The Plamondon type of incident occurs too frequently.

EAGER YOUNG FARMERS  
CLAMOR FOR AG COURSES

Alberta young people are taking more and more interest in scientific farming, if attendance at Alberta schools of agriculture is any indication.

Last week agriculture officials said a special applications committee has been formed to screen applications from people who wanted to take courses at the schools.

Lack of space in the schools forced the committee to turn down 25 young men for the ag courses. A few vacancies for girls at Vermilion School were still reported open.

Victim or Originator  
Of Publicity Stunt?

By JAY LLOYD

Some time ago, Lily Pons was responsible for an incident which puzzled me for years.

When I went to interview her, Miss Pons' secretary said the opera singer was sleeping and would be resting right up until the time of her concert. No interview.

That morning we had our first heavy fall of snow. The secretary—a woman with an Italian-sounding name—said she had a very difficult job to do for Miss Pons: get her a pair of overshoes.

Wondering if she was poking fun at our climate or at me, or really was ignorant of the fact that overshoes were a staple commodity in Canada, I asked what was so difficult about that.

"They have to be white," she said.

I thought she would have little trouble getting women's white overshoes.

## SMALL FEET

She was still pessimistic. "She has a very small foot," said the secretary. Somehow she made it seem as if she were seeking the pot of gold at the end of the rainbow without much hope of finding it.

As I was going in the direction of a shoe store, I offered to show her the way.

The first store hadn't what she wanted. By the time we had tried three stores without success, I thought I had a story, and stayed with her, until one store managed to find what she wanted in old stock which had not been touched for years. I think the size was two, triple "A", or some such outlandish thing—I wouldn't know when it comes to women's shoes.

Anyhow, I wrote the story (I had to write something about Miss Pons as an advance for her concert (And forgot about it.

## WHO FOOLED WHOM?

Several years later a friend repeated the story to me almost verbatim. I was complimented that anyone should remember a story of mine for such a length of time until I learned she had read it only a day before as occurring in a totally different city.

I still don't know whether I invented a publicity stunt or was the victim of one.

Among the many admirers of Sir Harry Lauder no one holds a higher opinion of his estimable qualities than Sir Harry Lauder.

Mention of this indelicate point is necessary to appreciate the following anecdote.

## FAREWELL TOUR

On his tenth or eleventh farewell tour to North America (Sir Harry himself has lost count), John Vallance accompanied him. Although he had been Lauder's manager on this side of the ocean for 25 years, this was his first tour with the great man, and he was still unaccustomed to Sir Harry's blatant self-advertisement.

Seriously, Sir Harry told me "he had one of the great voices of the age," that "he was an institution unto himself" and his autobiography "was generally admitted to be the greatest ever written by a layman."

With each point Sir Harry scored for Harry, Vallance twisted un- easily in his chair.

Before writing this article I was intent on getting out an Encyclopedia Britannica to read up on the origin, migrations and habits of that strange human creature in our midst—the Hutterites. But you and I know the road to which place is paved with intentions.

Without benefit of Britannica I will tell you of my visit to a Hutterite colony. I recently spent a few days at Rockyford and a Beiseker, and as there are Hutterite colonies within a dozen miles of Beiseker and not much further from Rockyford I became curiously interested in the subject.

The Hutterite men come to town to drink beer, and the women and small boys eat ice cream cones. If a young man has a beard he is either careless about his personal appearance, hasn't shaved within the past 24 hours or else he's married. Whether married or not it is easy to spot the male of the species—they all wear the same kind of black hat.

Modern fashion, the joy of wearing a newly styled frock "just made for you, my dear" never gets to first base with Hutterite women. They come to town in the furthest of the garb that their great-great-grandmother wore in Germany and from the time a Hutterite girl is old enough to walk she wears this garb. The unbending Hutterite law, made and administered by men, cares not a whit for feminine likes or dislikes.

## WOMEN DON'T COUNT

In their way, the colony folks are friendly and courteous. But no one ever told a Hutterite man about chivalry or the principles of common courtesy to women. East of Beiseker I visited a colony and was shown into the communal kitchen by Big Jake's son. The kitchen was full of women and young girls who were singing choruses. (List of songs they sing, I have it on good authority, do not include "Pistol Packin' Mama" or "Has Anybody Seen My Girl"). When he wanted to show us the fruit cellar he took the one gas lamp, without asking permission or excusing himself, and left the room full of ladies in darkness.

There are considerable opinions expressed in regions containing Hutterite colonies. Here are some chosen at random.

1. They are a good type of settler.
2. They are no asset to the country.
3. They are good farmers.
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Just before leaving I commented that Sir Harry had quite a chest development for a small man.

## SOME CHEST!

Sir Harry swelled it out for my admiration, and said, with a re-

By T. W. PUE

raised in these colonies.

The Hutterite brethren believe they are terribly bright. Every colony has a school, but no student is permitted an education past the age of 15. I have enough faith in education to believe that if students were given the privilege of continuing school studies according to their abilities a good many young minds would be freed of the Hutterite complex and many would leave the colonies to live normal lives like other people do. Big Jake's son told me they "can't learn nuthin' more 'a'd do them any good after they're fifteen."

One little 15 year old boy, a mere midget, who couldn't talk sufficiently well for me to understand him, has already left school. He is now the official pig man.

COMMUNISM, RELIGION  
AND CRIME

All families share the colony in communistic fashion. I don't mean to infer they have any political communism. They don't profess any politics. When you get married you're given a house. Every so often, as your family increases, you get a bigger house. Largest houses are reserved for families with eight and more children. You eat in the community kitchen, work in the community fields and gardens. You get no pay except a place to sleep and something to eat.

Together with all other members you attend church at 5 p.m. every day and twice on Sunday. I know plenty of ministers and priests who would like to see as good congregations once a week—let alone eight times a week. If you are naughty—steal some grain and sell it so as to have a few cents in your pocket you can be punished. One lad had to kneel each day at church before the whole congregation with bare knees in a box of beans.

## HEREDITY AND GROWTH

You don't leave the colony, except to marry someone in another colony, or when the colony "swarms." When population gets too big for the colony (the government has prescribed limitations) then the elders buy new land 40 miles or more away and they draw lots to see who will "swarm" to the new place. As at funerals, loud wailing and crying and sobbing goes on when life-long friends and relatives are parted—never to see each other again in this life—at these "swarmings."

It must keep the all-wise elders busy trying to figure out marriages that won't conflict with laws against inter-marriage.

## THEY NEED FREEDOM

In Abe Lincoln's time the negro boys were kept in slavery by legal bonds. Hutterites are kept in virtual bondage by ideological ties just as restrictive and binding.

You couldn't convince them of it—but when Alberta's 1946 Hutterites need it is a 20th century Moses to lead these poor, semi-educated, untutored people from their hereditary slavery. His cry to the elders, as was Aaron's of old to Pharaoh, would be "Let my people go."

sounding thump: "Quite good, what?"

Before Lauder was even out of sarabeth, Vallance snorted.

"If you had been sticking your chest out the way he has for the past 25 years, you would have quite a development too!"

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## EVEN MAYOR CAN'T FIND HOTEL SPACE

Edmonton's critical hotel-space shortage came to the fore again last week just a few weeks after the Glendon Hotel project had folded up.

Because of the hotel shortage, the Farmers Union of Alberta decided to switch their convention from Edmonton to Calgary next December 6.

The convention which is expected to draw some 500 delegates from all over the province was moved down to the Palliser Hotel when no hotel space could be found in Edmonton.

FUA-men said Mayor Harry Ainlay had been contacted to do what he could to find them space in the city.

## New Fur Store For Edmonton

A new furrier concern, with modern store and premises at 10334 Whyte Avenue, is making its debut on Edmonton's South Side this week.

It is the Paris Fur Company, under owner-management of Philip Lieberman, former furniture store proprietor in Edmonton. This new venture of Mr. Lieberman's provides for the growing South Edmonton community a long needed service in the fur garment business.

The store is the salon-type, with no show cases. All furs will be displayed on mannequins, with a complete range of modern styles kept in storage on the premises. Miss Jocelyn Cote, Regina, Sask., will assist in serving customers in the store, as clerk and modeller of the new fur styles.

Every effort will be made to bring the latest designs in individual stylings to Edmonton. Mr. Lieberman states that his first shipment from the company's Winnipeg plant will consist of 150 fur coats—no two exactly the same.

Direct delivery from their own plant will lower price to the wearer by as much as 20 per cent. There will be muskrats, Russian Persian lamb, squirrel, beaver, broadtails and other furs in the shipment.

"Mac" Glazerman will be in charge of the Edmonton repair department and Robert Seagle, well-known sports promoter is appointed travelling sales representative. The company will do business by mail, quotations on repair work being freely given to garments shipped in to Edmonton.

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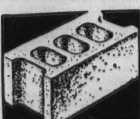
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# Is Canada Vulnerable To Foreign Invasion?

## "Exercise Eagle" Sets Off Hot Defense Controversy

Newsmen and observers at the scheme, which centred in the Dawson Creek - Ft. St. John area, set off the controversy with startled and angry reports of the ineptitude of Canada's defensive setup.

Canadian military leaders were quick to reply to the charges. Said army chief of staff Lieut.-Gen. Charles Foulkes: "This was not a mock battle and there was never any question of a demonstration of Canadian might."

But the denials of the military chiefs failed in the rising tide of criticism.

Exercise Eagle was originally intended to try out the Princess Patricia Canadian Light Infantry in its role as an airborne battalion. Its theme was a Canadian airborne attack against enemy forces that had seized the Fort St. John airfield, followed by a land counter-attack against enemy forces at Dawson Creek, about 50 miles to the south.

### A FEW TRAINERS

The operation ran into difficulties right off the bat. The RCAF had trouble securing up enough aircraft for the scheme, could scrape

up only a few Harvard trainers, obsolete World War Two P-51 Mustangs, and Dakota transports. Enterprising Sqdn. Ldr. Don MacDonald, Vancouver, in charge of the "enemy" air forces, put his wartime experience to use, started umpires and defending forces by surprise raids on RCAF forces crammed on the Grande Prairie field.

### OBsolete RADAR

Obsolete radar had failed to pick up low-flying aircraft and the attack was a surprise. In actual fact it would have knocked out RCAF forces before they reached the air.

The Princess Pats showed up as the only bright feature of the exercise with their precision jumping and sharp display of infantry tactics. They, too, were laden with leftovers from World War Two and one report claimed they did not have proper jump tunics or even dial sights for their medium machineguns.

### MORE EQUIPMENT

In the opinion of most observers there was nothing wrong with Canada's soldiers or their training. What was needed was more equipment and more trained men.

Critics pointed out in answer to Gen. Foulke's statement that the exercise was not a full-scale scheme, that the FPCL was the only trained airborne unit in Canada.

A full-scale scheme could only have called on two more battalions of active force troops and several units of under-manned, half-trained reserve army soldiers.

### COULD NOT COPE

And this force could not begin to deal with a well-equipped, aggressive enemy airborne force.

The second startling feature of the exercise was the fact that Canada has no striking force in air power.

Said General Foulkes in answer to the critics: "The exercise should not have been regarded as an air defense scheme. If that had been

the intention, the air force would have done it differently."

### A FEW MORE

The fact was that the air force just did not have the equipment "to do it differently." The RCAF forces might have been strengthened with a few Vampire and Meteor jets or Lancaster or Lincoln bombers, but these were not in enough numbers to form a striking force against an enemy who would be sure to seize air superiority right away.

The core of Canada's defensive weakness, in the opinion of many critics, lay in this country's dependency on the U.S. Canadians have stacked on building up their own defensive setup because they are relying on the U.S. to take care of the defense of this country.

This was borne out last week by discussions in Ottawa between U.S. Defence Secretary Louis Johnson and Canadian top military and political brass.

### "NO FEARS"

Boomed Secretary Johnson to a press conference: "We have no fears about Alaskan defence thanks to the understanding we have in the western hemisphere."

In the meantime down in Washington, Alaska's Governor Ernest Gruening was pleading with congress for more defenses.

Alaska could be captured "tomorrow by a minor scale airborne invasion," the governor told congressmen.

In the face of some of the United States' obvious weaknesses, many Canadians were beginning to wonder if it wasn't about time Canada making defensive plans to look out for herself.

## CITY SQUELCHES PROFITEERING LAND SHARKS

When a real estate boom hits, speculation and shady dealing usually follow along in its wake. And the speculation often leads to the collapse of the boom (as in the 1912 boom in Edmonton).

Last week, city council decided to take steps against speculation and shady operators who make a big rake-off on land deals.

One of the best schemes in the past was to buy up a business lot from the city, build a little shack on the property to comply with regulations (that required construction on the property), then to sit back and re-sell the property when business expansion raised the demand.

City fathers quickly squelched this plan by giving city commissioners authority to refuse to sell property unless they were satisfied with specifications of the building to be built.

### EXTEND ZONES

Another way of killing off this method is to extend first class fire zones. This would force the building of better type buildings on business streets.

A crafty system of profiteering on extension of city utilities is also to be squashed. In the past, advance leakage of city plans to extend utilities to outer areas has resulted in buying up of the choice land.

### NO LEAKAGE

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## INSULT TO INJURY

### Hailstones Set Back Central Alberta Crop

Western farmers began to breathe easier again.

From all signs it looked as though this year's grain crop might turn out to be something after all. Following the May-June drought, and heavy July rains, hot, sunny weather (8 to 10 degrees above normal) spread out over the prairies to step up crop ripening.

But on the first Sunday in August, the skies over Central Alberta darkened with heavy, hail clouds and that afternoon, nearly 1,000,000 acres of farmland were swept by hailstones.

From 4,000 to 5,000 farmers in the area west of Pigeon Lake to the Saskatchewan border at Chauvin and Lloydminster, suffered heavy losses in the storm.

Alberta Hall Insurance Board officials estimated only 10 to 15 per cent of the farmers in the area were insured against hail damage. Apparently few farmers had bothered to insure their crops when they saw the effects of the spring drought.

As a result, a 5,000,000 loss was predicted for farmers in

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the central area. The loss figures were based on estimates of an average yield of six to eight bushels to the acre.

After-effects of the hailstorm would probably be felt in retail business firms when the crops were harvested in the fall. If nearly 4,000 farmers faced partial or total loss of income, their purchases of machinery and consumers goods would drop accordingly.

#### PFPA AID

And for the first time in years (since 1947) the central Alberta farmers were turning to the Prairie Farm Assistance Act for aid.

To some southern Saskatchewan farmers who have received payment under the PFPA every year since it started in 1939 (except for bumper crop year 1942) the assistance was nothing new, and it looked as though it would be needed again this year.

But to Alberta farmers who have seldom seen a big crop failure, the demand for assistance following



#### A Salute to Western Farmers

From a Western Canadian economic standpoint, chemical weed control is a development of outstanding importance. The success that has followed the use of "selective" chemicals, and more particularly 2,4-D, for the control of weeds in growing grain crops, fully discredits the old idea that the weed menace is something beyond the farmer's control, and would eventually ruin the agricultural industry of the Prairie Provinces. It is already as plain as can be that no country in the world stands to benefit more from the general adoption and widespread use of effective chemical weed control methods than Western Canada. That is why Line Elevators Farm Service desires to pay tribute to the farmers of Western Canada for the efficient way in which they have so quickly and successfully adopted the revolutionary practice of controlling weeds with chemicals. We take off our hats to them for the vision, ambition and good common sense they have shown in putting this new weed control practice to work in the field.

Reliable estimates show that at least ten million acres of grain crops were treated with 2,4-D in the Prairie Provinces during 1949. Owing to unfavourable weather conditions, Western Canada will not be able to break any grain crop production records this year, but, on the basis of our own extensive field surveys, we are convinced that it will, in 1949, harvest one of the cleanest (weed-free) crops in its history. The exception, of course, is Wild Oats. This weed cannot, so far, be controlled by chemical treatment.

The remarkable success that has followed the adoption and use of 2,4-D, and other weed killing chemicals, by the farmers of Western Canada, brings into clear focus a fact that all professional agricultural workers would do well to keep in mind—the farmer holds the key to all agricultural development and progress.

## SCHOOL TUSSELE ENDS AMIABLY IN BEVERLY

Beverly, Edmonton's tough mining suburb on the north bank of the Saskatchewan, has faced problems of overexpansion along with the parent city.

Like the city, Beverly has found its schools inadequate, to house the increasing number of kids of school age.

But Beverly has another problem. Because it is outside the city, school kids wanting to go on to high school have to pay \$115 per pupil to attend city schools.

Not only that, the city is going to raise the fee to \$125 next January.

Since the '30's the municipality of Beverly has paid the fees for high school students going to the city.

But this year, faced with in the hailstorm and drought, was only adding insult to injury.

#### NORTH CROPS

In the meantime, crops in the Peace River district and in southwestern Alberta continued to ripen on schedule.

Northern Alberta Railway officials last week, estimated the movement of grain in the northland was one of the largest in recent years. During the crop year ending July 31, 18,750,000 bushels of grain from northern Alberta were shipped out to terminals over the NAR.

crossing repairs to its own grade school, Beverly school board decided to pay only \$35 of the \$115 for each pupil. At a stormy meeting on August 6, town council was presented with a petition opposing the slash in fees.

Fireworks broke out when Mayor Albert Haisine refused to sign the petition on the grounds that a special school board meeting would cope with the problem.

The meeting wound up in a furor and no one had hardly mentioned the \$40,000 debenture to be raised for a new school.

A week later a calmer meeting heard that an increase in government grants would (1) make it possible to pay the full tuition fees after all and (2) the new school might soon be in the offing.

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## ANIMAL WORLD

## These Cattle Could Do With Bromo

Paint cans and old battery plates are not good diet for cattle, Dr. E. E. Ballantyne, provincial director of veterinary services, told farmers last week.

Small groups of cattle have died here and there throughout the province from lead poisoning brought about by the diet. Cattle will even lick paint from boards if they get the craving, the vet explained.

The solution: (1) ditch empty paint cans and battery plates out of reach of cattle (2) make sure they have a diet containing salt or bone meal.

In Dayton, Ohio, a department store got permission from city health authorities to keep ducks in a pond on the roof. Pond was kept on roof as part of the cooling system.

Ducks were brought in to keep down the insect population attracted to the water.

A virus disease known as botulism, knocked out 8,000 to 10,000 wild ducks in Whitewater Lake in southwest Manitoba this summer.

Last week, the remaining duck population "was bundled into trucks, carted 15 miles to fresher water."

Capt. W. S. Tyrell, sailing from Siam to the U.S., radioed home for instructions regarding a pregnant elephant on board his ship.

A zoo director radioed back, said: "Leave Flora (the lady elephant) alone and give her plenty of privacy and she'll have her baby all right." Following birth, the captain should then "Feed the baby by bottle."

Following the instructions the ship's radio lapsed into a baffled silence and so far nothing has been heard about the great event.

In Winnipeg, and southern Manitoba, milk farmers reported average losses of 40 to 50 milk in a heat wave which struck the area last week-end.

While attending a movie at Wanderer Mine in Southern Rhodesia (Africa) Mr. and Mrs. W. Smith looked down and saw their small terrier dog run up to them.

They followed the dog back out of the theatre, back to their home, were just in time to catch a native trying to escape through the mosquito netting on the verandah.

At Shawinigan Falls, Que., three men out fishing in a canoe came back with a big catch: a bear that had been swimming in the lake. In Hyaberg, Alaska, two men and a boy landed a seven-foot-long halibut after an hour's struggle, found a satisfying reward in a full cup of unopened sherry wine inside the fish.

## Diamond W.I. Meeting

BLACK DIAMOND.—The Diamond Women's Institute will meet on Monday, Sept. 12 at the home of Mrs. R. Siffer at 9:00 p.m. Assistant hostesses will be Mrs. J. Shearer and Mrs. A. Atkins.

The sewing classes, which were to have been held on Sept. 12 and 14, have been postponed. However, Miss N. J. Hogg, district home economist, will set an early date for the classes. The W.I. is planning to hold another Treasures of this fall.—Anyone having articles of interest to loan please get in touch with members of the W.I.

## BLACK DIAMOND NEWS

BLACK DIAMOND.—Mr. and Mrs. Dave Graham of Black Diamond have been spending their holidays in Regina visiting with relatives.

Mr. and Mrs. James Oaks have had as house guests recently the former's brother, Mr. and Mrs. Don Oaks, Barbara Jean and Gordon of Regina. Mr. Don Oaks was formerly connected with CFAC in Calgary before moving to Regina. Mr. and Mrs. E. A. Griffen-Beale and son Harry of Edmonton, accompanied by Mr. R. Desson of Calgary, spent Tuesday in the Oilfields renewing old acquaintances. Miss Gladys Griffen-Beale will teach on the staff of West Jasper Place school, Edmonton.

Mr. and Mrs. E. G. Past, formerly of Gull Lake, Sask., who will teach at South Turner Valley high school has taken up residence in the Diamond in the Griffith Apartments.

Mr. and Mrs. L. W. Peacocks plan to leave for Wembley by motor on Wednesday, where they will spend the next week. They were accompanied by the latter's brother and sister-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. A. E. Palfrey of Calgary who have very recently returned from a motor trip through Montana, Banff, Jasper and the Columbia Icefields.

Mr. Buddy Clarkson of Edmonton has returned there today after visiting in Black Diamond with his mother, Mrs. C. Clarkson.

Mayor James Oaks of Black Diamond spent Tuesday in Calgary on business.

Bob Pack has been the guest of Mr. and Mrs. Jerry Cooke of Bragg Creek this past week.

Mr. and Mrs. Albert Sanders of Edmonton have been spending their holidays at their ranch at Bragg Creek. They held open house this last week-end, visitors from the Diamond being Miss Doris White, Miss Hazel Bray, Mr. and Mrs. Lyle Patton and son Ronny, Mr. and Mrs. J. Park and girls, Miss Jane Cavin, Donny Sanders, Tom Sanders of Edmonton, Wayne McMillre.

Mrs. Harry Chailand has been a recent visitor to the Diamond. She expects to return to her home here by Sept. 6.

## ROCKYFORD NEWS

ROCKYFORD.—Mr. and Mrs. Dick Taufen and daughter of Moscow, Idaho, and Mrs. Moore, Mrs. Taufen's mother of Seattle, Wash., motored up to visit Mom and Dad Katterhagen, Irwin and Harvey Katterhagen.

Mr. and Mrs. E. Till of the United States were also visitors at the Katterhagen home.

Mrs. Albert Herbert and Mrs. Nibbler of Portland, Ore., were visiting their sisters, Mrs. Joe Dahm and Mrs. John Busch.

Mrs. Lil Morrison was a week-end visitor in Edmonton. During her absence Percy and Frances took care of the restaurant.

Miss Margaret Vellieux and Lee Stewart were visiting Miss Marie Katterhagen for a week-end.

Little Allen Mitchell is visiting at the Katterhagen for a few days.

Mr. and Mrs. Roy Cunliffe and family left Wednesday for Smoky Lake where Mr. Cunliffe will take over the management of the bank.

Mr. D. S. Paris is now the manager of the local bank.

Mr. Bert Niles has temporarily taken over the meat market.

"We welcome Mrs. Tom Jarvis, a new comer to the community. Mrs. Betty Dietrich spent several days in Calgary visiting with her mother."

## Obituaries

## THOMAS GLENDINNING

Thomas Glendinning, 38, son of Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Glendinning of Strathmore, died August 22 in Vancouver.

He was born at Virden, Man., and came to Strathmore in 1929 where he was later connected with the Royal Bank. He served overseas for four and a half years with the Canadian army.

He is survived by his parents in Strathmore; a twin sister, Mrs. Tena Freeman, Strathmore; and two brothers, Neil of Strathmore and William J., of Calgary.

Funeral services were held Saturday in Vancouver and burial was in the Ocean View cemetery, Vancouver.

## MRS. ANN SUMMERS

Mrs. Ann Cecilia Summers, 57, of 924 3rd Ave. N.W., died on Thursday in the General hospital. She was born at Isle, Minnesota and came from Butte, Montana, 25 years ago.

She is survived by her husband, William; a daughter, Mrs. L. R. Hendrickson, Calgary; a sister, Mrs. A. M. Sutherland, Los Angeles; three brothers, Walter, Isle, Minn.; Clifford, Kellogg, Idaho; and Emil, Los Angeles; and her father, John Sutherland.

Rev. Dr. F. S. Morley conducted services at Jacques funeral home Monday at 1:30 p.m. Burial was in Union cemetery.

## MRS. LILLIAN FACH

Mrs. Lillian Fach, 40, died Friday afternoon at her home, 537 50th Ave. S.W., after a long illness.

Mrs. Fach was born at Alexander, Russia, and came as a child to Beiseker where she lived until coming to Calgary in 1929. She was a member of the Church of the Nazarenes.

She is survived by her husband, Phillip L., two sons, Ronald and Kenneth; her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Pete Schneider, all of Calgary; two sisters, Mrs. Clara Creighton and Mrs. Henry H. Audell, both of Vancouver; three brothers, Charles and Ronald, of Calgary; and Gus, Vancouver. A sister, Mrs. Annie Ras, died in Vancouver in 1945.

Rev. Dr. Edward S. Lawlor officiated at services Tuesday at 4 p.m. in Jacques funeral home. Burial was in Queen's Park cemetery.

## St. Rita's Church Picnic

ROCKYFORD.—St. Rita's picnic was held Sunday, Aug. 28 as planned and was quite successful and enjoyed by all.

Free soft drinks and ice cream were served for all in attendance.

A softball game of two Rockyford teams was played, with the energy and fight of a playoff game. The final score was 11 to 7 for Rockyford.

It was once the home team was sure of a win.

Mr. and Mrs. Alec Easton and family motored to Gleichen on Sunday where Alec did some fishing.

We are all glad to hear that Alfred Hanke is feeling better again. The family went to visit him at the hospital Sunday.

Miss Margie Podhorski is back on the job after having a delightful holiday.

Granny Tomroy was visiting friends in town Monday afternoon.

A baby boy was born to Mr. and Mrs. Pete Hofer on Saturday, Aug. 27 at the General hospital.

## MEDICAL TIPS

## Drink your Beer in Shade During Hot Spell, Says Doc

Doctors, sweltering in their offices or hospitals, in the August heat, came out with some good advice on how to combat the hot weather.

From the hot midwestern states, doctors gave out valuable advice on recognition of sunstroke and heat exhaustion (see other story in this issue).

From New York, Dr. Charles F. Pabst, in the midst of a 98 degree heat wave, gave advice on how to keep cool. A skin specialist at Greengate Hospital, Dr. Pabst has been issuing the ten "keep-cool" points every summer for 37 years.

Here are Dr. Pabst's 10 anti-hot weather rules:

1. Avoid exertion and strenuous exercise.
2. Wear thin, loose clothing. Says Dr. Pabst: "Clothes are an abomination in hot weather."
3. Drink eight or more glasses of water and put a pinch of salt in three of them.
4. Get eight hours of sleep nightly.
5. Avoid worry and excitement. Don't argue with your spouse!
6. Keep air circulating in your room and office.
7. Take cool—not cold—baths often. A good way to keep cool is to let cold water drip onto your wrists.
8. Avoid direct rays of the sun.
9. Reduce calories in your diet.

## BEISEKER NEWS

BEISEKER.—Mr. and Mrs. T. Murray and Trudy have returned to Beiseker from Edmonton and points east of there. Tom attended the teachers summer school in the capital city.

The surveyors have arrived in the district to survey for the rural electrification. More will be said about this in the following issue.

Freddie Lanelle's mother has returned east and will stop in Brooks for a few days.

Mayor L. H. Schmalz and Councilman Adam Velker were Edmonton visitors last week on village affairs.

Mr. and Mrs. Leo Schmalz and family and Mr. and Mrs. A. A. Wald were Banff on Sunday.

Mrs. W. Harben and her granddaughter Valerie Baken have returned to Calgary after spending two weeks visiting with her daughter and son-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. L. B. Brosteaux.

Some one removed the battery from a self-propelled combine sitting behind Adam Velker's shop. Adam suggests the holder of same please return at once.

Delores Brosteaux will leave on her holiday to Calgary and Banff next week.

Seen about town were Des Brosteaux and Ronnie Seizler, both home for a few days.

Carland has at last proven to be a fishing spot. Though the proof was only three fish, the Lou Brosteauxs, the Val Schmalzs and Jack and Jackie Seizler were there on Sunday.

Elks gold tournament in Calgary on Sunday. We forgot to enquire how he made out, but we saw no trophy.

Rev. Fr. Tennant returned from his retreat on Saturday evening.

Bill Tidy being away there will be no Lions news this week. Mr. and Mrs. N. Velker Sr., Miss Chris Velker, Mrs. Adam Velker and Donna Velker attended the funeral of Mrs. Ann Summers on Monday in Calgary.

Cut down on fats and leave candy and sweets alone. Try fruits and vegetables instead.

10. If you're using alcohol drink it in the shade. Remember, alcohol makes you more sensitive to sunstroke.

Even in the midst of summer doldrums medical science marches on. Below, the Spotlight reviews some of the latest discoveries and advances in medicine.

Drinking radio-active iodine solution may be one cure for certain types of cancer.

A sales executive in New York tells of how he cured a spreading cancer from the thyroid gland (in the neck) by drinking radio-active iodine. The radio-active iodine, produced by atomic energy plants, is put into a water solution.

Within a few months after taking the iodine drink in a New York hospital, the executive reported the thyroid cancer had disappeared rebuild the tooth and fill in the space caused by decay.

Dr. Stedman used the paste on his next patient a day. After three months he stopped applying the paste to his own cavities and found that the teeth had filled in.

The paste has been turned over to the NRC for further investigation.

Those benzidine inhalers that have been subject to misuse by auto addicts in recent years, may soon be off the market.

Smith, Kline and French laboratories in the U.S. report that they have developed a new inhaler for colds that cannot be misused.

In the past, dose addicts and other delinquents have misused the benzidine inhalers as a substitute for narcotics. The inhalers were used by breaking them open and chewing or dissolving the medicinal paper in a liquid.

The new inhalers contain a new chemical compound that will shrink the nasal membranes as well as benzidine but at the same time will not stimulate the user.

## School Days Here Again

BEISEKER.—On September 1 the classrooms in the Beiseker school will be set for action with the ringing of the 9 a.m. bell.

The pupils will all be in their places with bright, shiny faces. Messrs. Plante, Murray and Bunyan, Misses Weisberger, Cox and McDonald will be at the controls.

The prayer will be said, anthem sung and some one, possibly Mr. Mix will throw the switch that starts the cogs that set the knowledge factory in operation.

New ideas will be ground up for digestion, old ones will be fitted with different handles and there will be many a headache in the making, but all I'm sure will put their shoulder to the wheel and make it good year.

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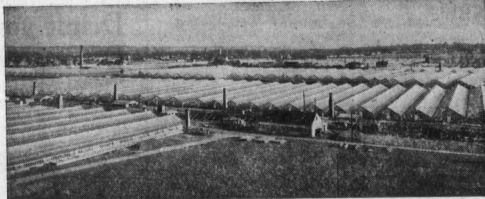
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## Alberta Coal Industry Makes Summer Recovery

Alberta's ailing coal industry began to pick up again this month after the worst seasonal slack since the war. For the first time this year mines were beginning to build up towards a five-day week, instead of the two-or-three day week of operation in the spring.

In June, production was down as much as 68,000 tons compared to June, 1948.

During the war the industry picked up with the increased demand for fuel for the armed forces and industries.

### STRIKE

In 1948, summer production was kept up because of a strike and cold weather early in the year. Miners worked during the summer to make up for the deficit.

This year, a mild winter and increased coal reserves cut down coal needs in the province. In spring, mine operations were cut down as demand dropped.

This month, the first big orders began to come through again. Household and business began building up domestic and bituminous supplies for next winter.

As the mines expanded to a five-day week, coal operators found they were faced with a shortage of miners to keep up to the new pro-

duction needs.

A stable factor in Alberta's mining industry is the bituminous coal market. Although some bituminous mines dropped production to four days a week, most stayed at full production.

### STABLE MART

The reason is that the bituminous mines have a more stable market with consumers such as industrial plants, and railways.

Before the war the seasonal slack was one of the major problems of the domestic coal industry. To most observers now, it looked as though the coal industry would be in for more than seasonal layoffs in future years.

Large-scale conversion of railway locomotives to oil, turning of industrial plants and households to natural gas or oil-burning stoves will in years to come drastically cut down coal markets in Alberta.

## DOCTOR OUTLINES HEAT SYMPTOMS

Two of summer's greatest dangers—sunstroke and heat exhaustion, are distinctly different things, E. W. Blanch, acting president of the Kansas City safety council, warns. Treating a patient for one of these injuries when he actually is suffering from another is extremely dangerous, he asserted.

### HELP ANYONE

"We should be prepared to help anyone who becomes a victim of either sunstroke or heat exhaustion," Blanch said. "To do this properly, however, we must be able to distinguish one from the other and thus help the victim rather than endanger his life through ill-advised treatment."

"In sunstroke, the victim's face grows red and the skin is dry and hot to the touch. He has a high fever, experiences dizziness and violent headache, with shooting pains in the head. His breathing is hard and loud, and he may have convulsions."

"The victim should be removed to a shady spot, where it is cool. He should be stripped of his underclothes and placed on his back with his head and shoulders raised. Apply ice or wet cloths to his head and cool his body with water or wet cloths. Endeavor to

## ALBERTA MAY IMPORT 500 EAST HARVESTERS

Alberta will import at least 500 harvesters from eastern Canada despite below-average crop yields resulting from drought and hail.

The announcement was made by provincial department of agriculture officials.

Requests have been received for 200 harvesters in the Vermilion district, it was stated.

It was planned to bring the harvesters here about Sept 1 but because of recent fine, warm weather it is likely the harvesters will arrive a few days ahead of that time.

avoid any sudden shock, and when the victim is conscious and able to drink, give him cold, but not iced, water. Don't give stimulants. Call a doctor.

### HEAT SYMPTOMS

"In heat exhaustion, the victim's skin is cold and he perspires profusely. His face becomes pale, sometimes purplish. He is chilly and often experiences cramps, dizziness and a feeling of sickness to the extent that he may become nauseated. He usually seems dazed, sighs when breathing and evidences partial or complete collapse."

### COOL PLACE

Blanch said that proper treatment for a heat-exhaustion victim after he has been removed to a quiet, cool place, is to loosen his clothing, place him flat on his back and keep his head low. The patient should be kept warm. When he is conscious and able to drink, he should be given hot coffee or aromatic spirits of ammonia in water, but not iced water. As in the case of a sunstroke victim, a doctor should be called immediately.



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## SMOKERS CAUSE MOST BLAZES IN ALBERTA

Fourteen people killed, 701 buildings destroyed, \$3,000,000 damage. Results of a blitz?

No, only the total casualties as a result of fires in Alberta this year. The statistics released by the provincial fire commissioner last week, did not include forest fires.

Although the number killed was down considerably over last year's total, the property damage had increased by nearly \$2,000,000. (Last year's loss for the same period: \$1,651,871.)

In property losses were listed 23 hotels, 65 retail stores, 18 schools, 12 warehouses, 82 farm buildings.

Three men, four women and seven children were killed by fire and 24 other people were injured in fires.

As usual the most common cause reported was carelessness in smoking, which accounted for 159 of the fires. Overheated stoves and faulty chimneys accounted for another 94 fires, another 25 were caused by misuse of matches, and 39 to faulty wiring or short circuits in electrical appliances.

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## Visits Nelson's House and Hears Frogs Chirp

By JACK BIRD

(Third in a series of five)

Next I flew to the Virgin Islands where Black Beard (Edward Teach) had his castle, and then I went on to Antigua, in the Leeward Group, for two days.

This was the first sterling area I was in on this tour. It was good to get where I could at last spend my money with some freedom, for I was allowed to take in sterling more than twice the amount I was permitted to carry in American funds.

At English Harbor, in Antigua, I was all through the old house in which Lord Nelson, when he was a captain, lived a year.

It was in this Leeward Group that Nelson found the woman he married—the widow Nesbit. She hailed from Nevis Island, where Alexander Hamilton, secretary of the treasury under George Washington, had spent his first 11 years. I had a good look at that island from the air, as well as its neighbor, St. Kitts.

It was an interesting house, Nelson's, on Antigua. His four-poster bed is still there, and also the table and chairs, and even an old brown-framed chair, bearing the date 1788, still hangs on the wall, in a glass frame.

### CHIRPING FROGS

On Antigua the frogs begin to chirp as soon as it gets dark, and they keep it up until daylight next morning. I know we don't think of frogs as chirping, but those on Antigua, as in some other places down that way, are different. They are called whistling frogs, albeit they sound more like crickets, which is what I took them to be at first. Another curious thing about those frogs is that they do not—or at least those in Jamaica do not—go through the tadpole stage. In Antigua I found the Negroes friendly. Even so, some of them will fleece you if given the opportunity. I hired a colored fellow for a guide for the following day. When he came around he brought a friend with him. That was all right with me, except when it came time to pay, the friend expected to be paid, too—the same amount as the guide. This I refused, for there had been nothing in the agreement about hiring two guides. I had a number of other experiences similar to this.

Then there was the Negro who, after showing me around for an hour, seemed to have developed a particular liking for me, for he wanted me to take him back to Canada when I returned. I would not have to pay him anything, he said. Just give him enough to eat and wear, a roof over his head, and he'd cook and sew and mend and run errands for me the rest of my life.

### GUIDE TROUBLE

And there was another chap who fancied the cotton jacket I was wearing. He wanted it as payment for guiding me around. But I could not part with it. Then would I let him have my shirt? I'll admit I've heard of some people who will give you the shirt off their back, but it seems that I am not one of them. So he decided to settle for 72c.

I paid him, but still he lingered. He wanted to know would I give him two shillings more, as he wanted to buy some Dominican oranges. I reminded him that I had just given him the amount he asked, so couldn't he buy the oranges with that? No, he could not. He wanted that 72c to buy an eversharp pencil so he could always remember his great friend Jack Bird.

I swallowed that bait, and gave

him two shillings more. And if some day I should learn that he really did buy a mechanical pencil to remember me by, I think I'm going to be very surprised indeed, for no doubt he tells that same story to every glib tourist that comes along.

### GUADELOUPE

From Antigua we flew over the Island of Guadeloupe, bumping up and down, up and down, over the mountains that form the southern half of it, and then along Dominica, and landed 20 minutes on St. Lucia. I saw St. Vincent and the Grenadines, but Martinique, where Napoleon's Josephine was born, was completely hidden in the clouds, and so was most of Tobago, but Trinidad was clear and visible.

It was while approaching Trinidad that I got my first look at South America, the north coast of Venezuela; a long range of dark blue mountains, clear and sharp, some 20 miles away, with a thin bank of white clouds hanging lazily half way down the side.

(Continued next week)

## NEWS BRIEFS AROUND TOWN

Good news for thirsty Albertans came from A. J. Mason, chairman of the Liquor Control Board last week.

Following reports from B.C. that beer in that province was being upped in price 10 cents a dozen bottles, Mr. Mason told newsmen Alberta beer would remain the same for the time being (i.e. \$2.10 a dozen).

During a tour of Fort Saskatchewan Provincial jail last week, conducted by Edmonton's Chamber of Commerce, president A. L. Burrows was accidentally locked in a cell, only got out after hollering at a guard.

City housewives beamed over their aprons this week as egg prices dropped as much as six cents on Grade A varieties. The price drop was said to be due to the heavy decrease in sales in the Vancouver market.

Edmonton's Exhibition Association sat back and gloated over a good-sized net profit of \$101,304 for this year's exhibition, this week. The amount was nearly \$22,000 over last year's take. Biggest money-maker as usual, was the racetrack which netted a profit of \$75,395.

Edmonton's 130-man police force was on the lookout, last week, for a mallet-headed, cork-gripped golf putting iron that had been stolen from Chief Constable Reg Jennings.

### Bird Sanctuaries

The Dominion Wildlife Service maintains 75 bird sanctuaries established under the Migratory Birds Convention Act. The sanctuaries stretch from Itasca, Vancouver Island, to Bradore, P.Q. The most northerly sanctuary is at Saskatoon Lake, Alta.

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## START NEXT SPRING?

### Kicking Horse Route Likely For Trans-Canada Route

Canadians pricked up their ears last week, with a report  
from Ottawa that the much-discussed Trans-Canada Highway  
may be under construction by next spring.

Under the basic plans announced by Reconstruction Min-  
ister Robert Winters, the 5,000-mile hard-surfaced road would  
be built in five years at a cost of some \$500,000,000.

The federal government would  
finance half the highway at some  
\$250,000,000 while the provinces  
footed the other half of the bill.

"We hope to get our legislation  
providing for the construction of  
the highway ratified by parliament  
at the forthcoming session,"  
the minister said.

Technical information has been  
supplied on the route and federal  
experts had visited all the prov-  
inces to discuss plans.

The big question in the  
minds of most people was  
what route will the highway  
follow? The federal government  
had eagerly left the  
route in the hands of the  
provinces and all signs point-  
ed to the northern Kicking  
Horse Pass.

Northern residents in the three  
prairie provinces and B.C. were

### Olds Cleric Goes To Pincher Creek

OLDS.—A ministry of five  
years in the Olds district was  
brought to a close Sunday when  
Rev. P. C. Musson preached fare-  
well services at Anglican churches  
of St. George's at Harbattman, St.  
Andrew's at Sundre and St. John's  
of Old. The local church was filled  
to capacity for the evening ser-  
vice and special music was in  
charge of Mrs. Sherwin Robinson,  
choir leader, and Mrs. W. F. Mit-  
chell, organist.

Mr. Musson has been appointed  
to the Foothills Mission and to-  
gether with Mrs. Musson and their  
daughter, Sharon, will be leaving  
for Pincher Creek this week to  
take over the work in that charge.  
During the past week many social  
events have been held in their  
honor, and following the Sunday  
evening service a farewell recep-  
tion took place in the parish  
hall.

On behalf of the W.A. Mrs.  
Thomas Whitehair presented Rev.  
and Mrs. Musson with a silver  
tray after other presentations  
made on behalf of the congrega-  
tion and the choir.

### Airline Awaits Passenger Permit

Northwest Airlines officials  
last week were still wondering  
when the Air Transport Board  
would okay plans to make Edmon-  
ton a passenger stop on its New  
York to Manila (Philippines)  
run.

NWA's aircraft have used the  
city airport for a refueling sta-  
tion on the Asia-Alaska route, but  
no passenger service is permit-  
ted.

Chief delay in the passenger  
service appeared to be downers  
in putting the bi-lateral air agree-  
ment (signed June 6) before the  
House of Commons and Con-  
gress.

Big lobby groups in the U.S.  
appear to be fighting the bi-lat-  
eral agreement and the installa-  
tion of additional services. And  
until the air agreement was ap-  
proved by the houses in both  
countries the Air Transport Board  
was not likely to grant the pas-  
senger permit.

still not taking the decision ly-  
ing down. This week 30 cars took  
off from Edmonton to make the  
long, dusty trip over the Yellow-  
head pass route to Kamloops.

### DUSTY

The dusty, sometimes bumpy,  
northern route leads through  
Jasper Park down the CNR line  
to Blue River in B.C. The stretch  
of road between Jasper and Blue  
was so bad that some of the mo-  
tor caravan turned back.

The motorcade to the coast, led  
by Mayor Harry Ainlay of Ed-  
monton, was the last big publicity  
drive of the Yellowhead sup-  
porters. Yellowhead boosters  
claimed the northern route was  
more central, would be a more  
strategic military road, and had  
better weather conditions.

### MAIN ROUTE

But the fact remained that the  
southern route was in more popu-  
lated areas, was closer to the U.S.  
border and was the main Canadian  
cross-country route at the pres-  
ent time.

In spite of the vigorous lobby-  
ing of the Yellowhead supporters  
it looked this summer as though  
the Trans-Canada route would be  
through the south pass.

Some optimists sat back and  
hoped that eventually a second  
Trans-Canada route would be  
built through the northern areas.

### CITY SQUELCHES PROTEEFERING LAND SHARKS

When a real estate boom hits,  
speculation and shady-dealing  
usually follows along in its wake.  
And the speculation often leads  
to the collapse of the boom (as  
in the 1912 boom in Edmonton).

Last week, city council decided  
to take steps against speculation  
and shady operators who make a  
big take-off on land deals.

One of the best schemes in  
the past was to buy up a busi-  
ness lot from the city, build a  
little shack on the property to  
comply with regulations (that  
required construction on the  
property), then to sit back  
and re-sell the property when  
business expansion raised the  
demand.

City fathers quickly squelched  
this plan by giving city commis-  
sioners authority to refuse to sell  
property unless they were satis-  
fied with specifications of the  
building to be built.

### EXTEND ZONES

Another way of killing off this  
method is to extend first class  
fire zones. This would force the  
building of better type buildings  
on business streets.

A crafty system of profiteering  
on extension of city utilities is

## Summer Temperature 30 Degrees Below

ROCKYFORD.—It's a fact.  
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stuffs for safe keeping. The 30  
degrees below zero freezer locker  
is the place where newly-arrived  
meats and other foods are put for  
quick freezing.

Built by Tom Burke in 1941, the  
Locker plant was run until this  
spring by A. Geeraert, who now  
operates the hotel. In April Mr.  
and Mrs. Roy Brookwell and son  
Walter took over the plant. Walter  
is 17 years of age and a great help  
to his parents. The second son,  
Roy, age 2, has every promise of  
growing up in the family tradition  
set by Mr. Brookwell who has had  
Walter's experience in meat packing  
business.

Mr. Brookwell has been assis-  
tant superintendent of packing  
plants in Saskatoon and Calgary.  
Bert Niles, counterman and  
butcher, continues on the meat  
market staff.

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greatest amount of iron and steel  
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derground today is more than a  
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"Nepotism" means favoritism to  
relatives.

also to be squashed. In the past,  
advance leakage of city plans to  
wielded utilities to outer areas has  
resulted in buying up of the  
choice land.

### NO LEAKAGE

Once the utilities have been in-  
stalled the buyers can ask for the  
area to be re-zoned, then can re-  
sell it at big prices.

Solution: to make sure there  
was no advance leakage of city  
plans on extension of services to  
outlying areas.

Said one alderman: "It is not  
fair that money should be made  
that way on land at the city's ex-  
pense."

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